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SUBJ: EVACUATION OF METHODIST MISSIONARIES FROM KAPANGA

1. METHODIST MISSIONARIES INFORMED CONSULATE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FROM METHODIST MISSION HAVE LANDED IN KOLWEZI, HAVING BEEN EVACUATED FROM KAPANGA BY MISSIONARY PILOTS ENRIGHT AND RADFORD:

LENA ESCHTRUTH, MARVIN WOLFORD, JEAN WOLFORD, GAYE RADFORD, MYRTLE PRITCHARD, PRUDENCE KUHRT, CHARLES VINSON, MR. PATRIKIOS (GREEK CITIZEN), MS. METHE RASMUSSEN (DANISH CITIZEN).

2. CATHOLIC SISTER AT KAPANGA TOLD METHODISTS THAT THEY "ALMOST CERTAIN" CARLTON MAUGHLIN AND FRANK ANDERSON, METHODIST MISSIONARIES AT SANDOA, FLED SANDOA TO TEXEIRA DE SOUSA WITH SOME CATHOLIC SISTERS. DID NOT KNOW WHEN.

3. DR. ESCHTRUTH WAS REPORTEDLY TAKEN AWAY FROM KAPANGA BY INVADERS APRIL 15-16 (SIMULTANEOUS TO ALLEGED FAZ BOMBING OF KAPANGA). METHODISTS DO NOT KNOW WHEN ESCHTRUTH KILLED BUT SUSPECT IT WAS DURING THAT PERIOD. WOLFORD REPORTEDLY DROVE OUT YESTERDAY TO AREA WHERE ESCHTRUTH HAD BEEN TAKEN AND DISCOVERED THAT HE HAD BEEN KILLED. KEN ENRIGHT SENT RADIO MESSAGE TO EFFECT ESCHTRUTH HAD BEEN ACCUSED BY INVADERS OF BEING CIA AGENT, OF

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EXERCISING POWERFUL NEGATIVE INFLUENCE ON LOCAL POPULATION BECAUSE HE A LUNDA TRIBAL CHIEF. COMMENT: DR. ESCHTRUTH WAS IN FACT NAMED BY FORMER MWANT YAV AS MEMBER COUNCIL OF CHIEFS. END COMMENT. ENRIGHT REPORTED HE IS ALSO TARGET LISTED FOR ASSASSINATION BY INVADERS.

4. MISSIONARIES PLANNING TO SEND ANOTHER PLANE OR TWO INTO

KAPANGA TOMORROW TO EVACUATE SOME ZAIRIANS ANXIOUS TO LEAVE.
ACCORDING TO ENRIGHT, KAPANGA POPULATION NOW HOSTILE TO
INVADERS IN LIGHT OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED THERE DURING LAST MONTH.
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